

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

On January 10, 2007, a telephonic interview was conducted in connection with the above-referenced case. The participants were Examiner Rose and Applicants' representative Brenda M. Simon. No exhibits were shown, and no demonstrations were conducted, in the course of the interview.

The participants discussed whether the Gross reference contained all the elements of the claims 1, 22, and 43, as required under 35 USC §102(e). Applicants have submitted this response setting forth the reasons why the cited Gross reference fails to anticipate the claimed invention under § 102(e).